

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the foregoing amendments to the specification and claims and the following remarks.

Status of the Claims

In the present Amendment, claims 1-4 have been canceled and claim 5 has been amended. Claims 5-9 are pending.

Support for the amendment to claim 5 can be found in original claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sarah White et al., *Chemistry & Biology*, Vol. 4, No. 8, pp. 569-578 (1997) (hereinafter referred to as “White et al.”). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 1-4 have been canceled herein, thereby rendering the present rejection moot.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for asserted lack of written description. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 1-4 have been canceled herein, thereby rendering the present rejection moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez, Reg. No. 48,501, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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